

COTTON PICKING MACHINES.

They are Sure to Come in the Near Future.

A cotton picking machine that appears to have some merit, was recently exhibited in Houston, Texas.

The following account of the machine and its inventor appears in the Houston Post, a reliable and able journal:

A cotton picking machine, or a cotton harvester, was exhibited near Houston yesterday, and competent judges who witnessed its work state that it comes nearer taking the place of human fingers than anything of the kind ever before seen.

The inventor of this machine is Mr. George S. Lee, of Hawthorne, N. J. He has experimented with it several times recently in New York, but decided that a thorough test in an actual cotton field was needed, and that Texas was the place for such a trial.

Prior to his departure for Houston, Mr. Lee had formed the acquaintance of Messrs. Frank Cargill and E. R. Richardson of the firm of Cargill & Richardson, and at their solicitation agreed to exhibit his cotton picker near the city.

Some twelve or fifteen gentlemen were invited to witness the harvester at work, and a cotton farm about three miles from the city was selected for the test.

In the party were Messrs. W. M. Read, C. H. Lucy, G. W. Kidd, B. W. Hunter, R. L. Neill, B. W. Martin, G. W. Kidd, Jr., E. R. Richardson, Dr. J. D. McGregor, Mr. Calhoun and others. When the field was reached, Mr. Lee and his assistants had the cotton harvester in position and ready for gathering the staple.

The machine is about thirty inches wide and six feet in length. It is intended to be pulled by a mule or large horse, and goes between the rows of cotton. Extending from each side and behind are long rubber arms in the form of hose, which are used to draw out the cotton.

The harvester is run by gasoline, and suction is generated by an exhaust fan to take the cotton from the bolls. Each arm of hose is handled by one person, who merely applies the suction pipe to the opened boll of cotton—and the machine does the rest.

One harvester can have anywhere from eight to twenty-one arms, and will employ just that many men. Each hose, according to the inventor's statement, can pull at least 1,000 pounds of cotton a day, consequently a machine with fourteen arms would do the work of seventy men, estimating the average picking by hand at 200 pounds daily.

As the cotton is drawn through the pipes it passes the exhaust fan and falls into a large wire receptacle, each seed and the lint surrounding it dropping out together. The suction takes in every little trash, and when handled properly nothing but the cotton itself would ever leave the stalk.

The great disadvantage of all cotton picking machines heretofore invented has been their inability to gather the cotton without taking part of the boll, dead leaves, trash, etc., which naturally made the cotton dirty and of low grade when ginned.

Mr. Lee's machine is not perfect by any means, but he has certainly demonstrated the feasibility of gathering cotton by suction. This was shown to the satisfaction of all witnesses yesterday, despite the fact that the mechanical part of the harvester was not in good working order.

The boat is probably twenty inches deep. At each end is an iron ring, to which a steady horse is hitched. The pickers, usually two, get into the boat, start the horse between two rows of cotton, and with scarcely any bending, and no carrying of heavy racks, ride in ease while they work. It is claimed that a person who can pick 150 pounds with a sack can pick 200 pounds with a boat, for the reason that no time is wasted putting the cotton into the sack, the picker dropping it loose in the bottom of the boat.

Inventor Wilson already has secured a patent for his cotton boat. Several of them will be sent to Southern States this week, where they will be exhibited in the cotton fields.

It would seem that the backache of the cotton field would have suggested long ago such a simple contrivance, but an old Texas cotton buyer said that he had never before heard of such a thing; that persons regularly engaged in the business developed "cotton-picking muscles" in their backs, and never need boats.

It's This Way.

A writer gives this amusing explanation of the abilities of woman versus the limitations of man. Just watch them and see if it is not true. A man cannot do two things at a time. A woman will broil a steak, and see that the coffee does not boil over, and watch the cat that she does not steal the remnant of the meat on the kitchen table, and dress the youngest boy, and set the table, and see to the toast, and stir the oatmeal, and give the orders to the butcher, and she can do it all at once and not half try. Man has done wonders since he came before the public. He has navigated the ocean, he has penetrated the mysteries of the starry heavens, he has harnessed the lightning, and made it pull street cars and light the great cities of the world. But he can't find a spool of red thread in his wife's work basket; he can't discover her pocket in a dress hanging in the closet; he cannot hang out clothes and get them on the line the right end up. He cannot hold clothes pins in his mouth while he is doing it either. He cannot be polite to somebody he hates. He can't sit in a rocking chair without banging the rockers into the baseboard. He can't put the tidy on the sofa pillow the right side out. He cannot sew on a button. In short, he cannot do a hundred things that women do almost instinctively.

Cheating the Africans.

Soon after the war the South was a prolific field for rascals to prey on the ignorance of the newly emancipated slaves. Jackson County, Florida, had an immense colored population, and here many swindlers found themselves in clever. One scheme was worked with especial success. Two flashy dressed "gentlemen" driving a handsome turnout made a house-to-house canvass, representing to the negroes that they were sent out by the Government to see if the titles to the negroes' properties were good. In each case the title was found to be bad, of course, and the confiding negro was informed that it would be made good on payment of \$25. The poor negroes hustled around, sold stock, household goods and even what little clothing they had to raise the money. When that was paid a large envelope with a red seal was given, with strict instructions not to open it or talk to anyone, but to keep quiet until a day named, two weeks from that time, when he would meet the Government agents at the county seat, when his title would be made all right.

On the day named over five thousand negroes gathered in Marianna. The day wore on, but the Government agents came not. Finally, about night, one of them went to a local lawyer and had his envelope opened. Here was what he found for a title: "Know all men by these presents, that as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so have we lifted \$25 out of this fool." And then a voice was heard weeping in the land; it was the negro, and he refused to be comforted because his \$25 was not.

Mr. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says: "My child is worth millions to me; I would have lost her by a group had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. Evans Pharmacy.

This advice may not be absolutely new, but it is worth repeating: Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is pleasant to use and sure to cure. Evans Pharmacy.

That Missouri man who was recently imprisoned for having thirteen wives is in luck in at least one respect. He has escaped the necessity of making thirteen Christmas presents this year.

STILL ANOTHER. An ingenious Oklahoma planter has invented a device to make cotton picking easier. It was invented by C. A. Wilson, of Foutz, Lincoln County, and is thus described: A narrow boat, with a canopy to shade the cotton pickers from the sun, is mounted upon broad flat runners.

A Small Boy's Revenge.

He was a small boy—not such a very small boy—in an out-of-town school. He had written a composition. It was upon the subject of dogs. Now the teacher of the school was a man, and he was not popular. He was what the boys called "mean." They disliked him thoroughly, from the tips of his shining shoes to the ends of his pompadour combed hair. In the composition there was a story of a dog. It was the story of a very mean dog, and as the composer of the literary effort came to the last line he read it emphatically and with great distinctness of utterance, and the hearts of all the other small boys in the room, as they listened, quaked, half with delight and half with fear, knowing what was to follow, and gazing, fascinated at the upright coiffure of the master as the reader ended: "And that dog was so mean that his hair stood on end."

The late Jeremiah Mason was once engaged in a famous trial, in which some good Methodist brethren were concerned. One morning when the court opened, an overzealous friend came to him, and in a solemn whisper said: "Mr. Mason, Mr. Mason, I had a vision last night. Gabriel appeared to me and told me that brother A. was innocent. No mistake about it." "Very well," said the man of law, not so much as lifting his huge head from over the table on which he was writing, "very well; better have Gabriel subpoenaed immediately."

A young western lady who wanted something that would keep her stockings up where they belonged, thus addressed the terror-stricken young store clerk: "It is my desire to obtain a pair of circular elastic appendages capable of being contracted and expanded by means of oscillating burnished steel appliances that sparkle like particles of gold leaf set with Alaska diamonds, and which are utilized for keeping in position the habiliments of the lower extremities which innately delicacy forbids me to mention."

The assertion comes from Germany that the majority of people are not only right-handed, but also right-sighted. By this is meant that most persons see better with the right eye than with the left, and habitually, though unconsciously, employ it more. Some persons, however, make greater use of the left eye than of the right, and accordingly they are called "left-eyed."

The great fire of 1872 in Boston burned over sixty acres, and entailed a loss of \$60,000,000 or a million an acre. The great fire in London in 1666 swept over 436 acres, and destroyed property to the amount of \$35,000,000, or \$60,000 an acre. In the latter case the fire raged in the dwelling section as well as in the mercantile, still the comparison affords an idea of the increase in values in modern cities.

Life is hard at best, but it can be made doubly harder by unnecessary wounds from those we love.

Age makes some people wise, and others only stubborn.

People who are too fresh are apt to get in a pickle.

Mr. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from cropp by using DeWitt's Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. Evans Pharmacy.

A number of counterfeit dollars are in circulation in Columbia, says the Register, and one had better be careful to see that a dollar has the proper "ring" before accepting it. It is supposed that these spurious coins are souvenirs left here by crooks who followed the circus.

Why is it that when we pull out one gray hair that a dozen come to the funeral, while if we remove by accident a dark one, there isn't a single mourner.

Mr. M. B. Ford, Ruddell's, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic indigestion, and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. Evans Pharmacy.

A woman may smile when a man walks on her gown, but oh, if he could only know what she is thinking.

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

If ignorance is bliss, more ignorance is blisser.

"The tooth of time" is the one extracted on credit.

As the evenings grow longer the oil bill grows stronger.

Some men never boast, and that's something to brag about.

The best readers of signs are surely the deaf and dumb.

A married woman's rights might be used in correcting her husband's wrongs.

It is better to deserve praise and not get it, than to get praise and not deserve it.

Solomon when arrayed in all his glory never wore a multi-colored shirt and white collar.

Time may be money, but some people's time is about as valuable as Confederate currency.

Since 1870 Victoria, Australia, has voted more than \$250,000 for the destruction of rabbits.

No woman ever loved a man so much that she didn't try to find out the cost of the engagement.

Beauty would be more than skin deep if the average female complexion could be figured in the deal.

Frank Marks, of St. Louis, is the only pensioner in Missouri who is awarded \$100 a month, yet he was in the army only sixteen days and did not fight a battle. He lost both arms in cannon practice.

Davis Cullen, of Sticklersville, Del., who for nearly ten years has been treated for consumption by the doctors, in a coughing fit the other day brought up a tooth which he had swallowed almost ten years ago. It had stuck in his windpipe then. The physicians now say that it got down into his lungs and that it is the tooth which has caused what they treated as consumption.

A Texas judge was robbed of a horse not long ago, and the thief being apprehended, was brought before him for trial. The judge eyed the prisoner with deep satisfaction for a minute or so, and then delivered himself of the following: "Owing to a personal prejudice, the court will not hear this case. It will be tried by the bailiff, who will find a verdict in accordance with the facts. In the meantime," he added, impressively, "the court will go outside and bend a rope and pick out a good tree."

"The facts," said Dawson, "I married because I was lonely. To put it tersely, I married for sympathy." "Well, old man," replied his friend Haley, "you certainly have mine."

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Dated at Anderson, S. C. Nov 15th, 1897. BONHAM & WATKINS, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

(SAL.) Jno. C. WATKINS, C. C. P.

To the absent Defendant, Mar-ior Eaves: Take notice that the Summons herein and the Complaint in this action were filed in the office of Jno. C. Watkins, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Anderson County, at Anderson, S. C., on the 15th day of November, 1897.

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